

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated March 8, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration based on the above claim amendments and the following remarks.

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims as presented are in condition for allowance.

Claims 1 and 3-38 are pending. Claims 1, 11 and 21 are independent claims from which claims 3-10 and 38, 12-20 and 22-37 respectively depend. Claims 1, 11 and 21 have been amended. No new matter has been added. Support for the amendments can be found in the application as originally filed on page 9, lines 25-29 and elsewhere in the application.

Claims 1, 3-6, 8, 10, 11, 13-16, 21-25, 28, 32-35 and 37 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Devillier (U.S. Patent No. 5,850,435). Claims 7 and 36 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Devillier in view of Griffiths (U.S. Patent No. 5,481,602). Claims 9, 17 and 27 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Devillier in view of Madoch (U.S. Patent No. 6,141,409). Claim 12 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Devillier in view of Malik (U.S. Patent No. 6,404,875). Claims 18-20 and 29-31 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Devillier in view of Bossemeyer, Jr. (U.S. Patent No. 6,400,809). Claim 23 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Devillier in view of Dugan (U.S. Patent No. 6,363,411). Claims 26 and 38 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Devillier in view of Cox (U.S. Patent No. 5,812,533). Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1 and 3-38, as amended herein, are patentably distinct from the cited references for the following reasons, among others.

Confirmation of Acceptance of Formal Drawings

Applicant respectfully requests confirmation that formal drawings filed by Applicant on May 9, 2001 have been accepted.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 3-6, 8, 10, 11, 13-16, 21-25, 28, 32-35 and 37 have been rejected as being anticipated by Devillier. Applicants' amended claim 1 recites:

A method for providing audible caller information for calls routed from a first telephone station to a second telephone station via a switching network, comprising:

placing a first telephone call from the first telephone station directed to the second telephone station via the switching network;
placing a second telephone call from a services node to the second telephone station;
replacing a telephone directory number associated with the services node with a telephone directory number associated with the first telephone station;
determining information associated with the first telephone station from a database stored at a services control point; and
audibly communicating the information associated with the first telephone station to the second telephone station via the second telephone call.

Devillier describes a method to audibly announce a caller name to a subscriber by asking the caller to say his name, recording it and playing the name back when the call is completed. (Devillier, abstract, FIGs. 1, 6, column 2, line 65-column 3 line 13). Devillier does not disclose or suggest at least the italicized feature of amended claim 1. (See column 5 line 53 to column 6 line 11.) Hence, Applicants respectfully submit that amended claim 1 is not anticipated by Devillier and request the withdrawal of the §102 rejections of claim 1 and its dependent claims, 3-10 and 38.

Amended claims 11 and 21 recite features analogous to those discussed with respect to amended claim 1. Hence Applicants respectfully submit that amended claims 11 and 21 are not anticipated by Devillier for the reasons stated above and request the withdrawal of the § 102 rejections of claims 11 and 21 and their dependent claims, 12-20 and 22-37.

Claim Rejections 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

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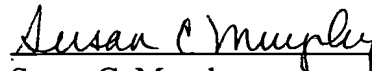
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The deficiencies of Devillier are not remedied by Griffiths, Madoch, Malik, Bossemeyer, Dugan, or Cox. Hence, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1 and 3-38 are allowable and request the withdrawal of the § 103 rejections of these claims.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present Application is in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejections of the claims and an early allowance is earnestly solicited.

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